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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MANILA

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HONG KONG FOR CUSTOMS REP; MANILA FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, AS

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN U.S. CUSTOMS CCINC  
PROGRAMS

REF: (A) CANBERRA 01331 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 034488

1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR PRESENTED U.S. REQUEST PER  
PARA. 4 STATE 034488 FEBRUARY 25 TO A.D. CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. INFORMAL TALKING PAPER SUMMARIZING  
PRESENTATION LEFT WITH CAMPBELL; COPY POUCHED GALLAGHER, EA.

2. DISCUSSION WITH CAMPBELL PRECEDED BY INFORMAL REVIEW WITH  
HARVEY BATES, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (NEW  
NAME FOR FORMER DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND CUSTOMS) TO ENSURE  
VIEWS OF OPERATIONAL NARCOTICS OFFICIALS REMAINED AS AT TIME  
OF KEENAN 1975 DISCUSSIONS. BATES CONFIRMED VIEWS UNCHANGED,  
AND APPARENTLY INFORMALLY BRIEFED CAMPBELL PRIOR TO EMBASSY  
CALL ON LATTER.

3. OUTCOME OF FEBRUARY 25 DISCUSSION WITH CAMPBELL  
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ESSENTIALLY IS THAT DFA WILL CONSIDER MATTER, THAT IT

UNDERSTANDS CUSTOMS HAS MANPOWER AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE PARTICIPANT FOR SUCH TRAINING PROJECTS BUT ENTIRE QUESTION OF GOA ABILITY TO FINANCE SUCH PARTICIPATION THROUGH AID PROGRAM REMAINS TO BE EXPLORED. CAMPBELL UNDERTOOK TO EXPLORE THIS AND BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH EMBASSY AT FUTURE DATE. INFORMALLY HE INDICATED THAT PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE CUTBACKS IN AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE BUDGET MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO INSERT ANY NEW PROJECTS IN EXISTING COUNTRY PROGRAMS. FOR THIS REASON HE COULD OFFER NO ASSURANCES RE ANSWER LIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING. EMBASSY OBSERVES IN ADDITION THAT AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCY SHORTLY TO BE ABOLISHED AND ITS FUNCTIONS RETURNED TO DFA. THIS REORGANIZATION MAY TEND TO SLOW DOWN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

4. DURING TODAY'S DISCUSSION CAMPBELL MADE A POINT RESPECTING PROCEDURE WHICH DESERVES SPECIAL NOTE. IN THE EVENT THAT GOA DOES FIND IT POSSIBLE TO AGREE TO USG REQUEST, THE PROCEDURES OF THE AUSTRALIAN AID PROGRAM WOULD REQUIRE THAT IN EACH CASE THE PROSPECTIVE HOST COUNTRY'S REQUEST FOR AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION BE MADE DIRECTLY AS A BILATERAL REQUEST TO AUSTRALIA BY THE PROSPECTIVE HOST COUNTRY. WE TOLD CAMPBELL THAT WE BELIEVED THIS WAS PROBABLY FEASIBLE AND EMPHASIZED THAT MUCH OF THE IMPETUS FOR MAKING THESE TRAINING PROJECTS MULTILATERAL CAME FROM THE HOST COUNTRIES THEMSELVES.

5. OTHER PROCEDURAL POINTS WERE TOUCHED ON, ESPECIALLY THE QUESTION OF THE USG-GOA CHANNELS AND PROCEDURES FOR DETAILED PROGRAMMING IN THE EVENT THAT THE GOA CAN SOLVE THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM AND OTHER WISE AGREES TO THE USG REQUEST. WE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE DETAILS COULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CAMPBELL RETURNS TO US WITH THE GOA REPLY TO OUR OVERALL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION.

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